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POSTAL SERVICE OFFICER INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLING MAIL

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Aldrich, Mo., Postal Service officer was indicted by a federal grand jury today for embezzling mail.

David B. Elliott, 50, of Aldrich, was charged in a five-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Four counts of the federal indictment allege that **Elliott**, on four separate occasions between Oct. 25, 2002 and Feb. 28, 2004, embezzled letters addressed to Aldrich residents.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Elliott**, being a Postal Service officer, knowing and without authority detained, destroyed, delayed and opened bulk business mail from a Wal-Mart, located in Bentonville, Ark., and a Lowes hardware store.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Postal Inspection Service Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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